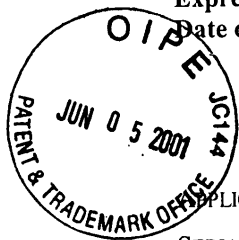


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APPLICANT(S): Brian J. Boyle et al.  
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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a four-month extension of time to respond to the December 5, 2000 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on June 5, 2001. A check in the amount of \$695.00.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21272-034. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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